RESOLUTION ON GAY RIGHTS

WHEREAS approximately 10% of American men and women are gay, and
WHEREAS there now exists a climate of hostility toward equal rights for gay citizens, and
WHEREAS much of this hostility is generated by individuals and groups who perpetuate ignorance and fear through misinformation, and
WHEREAS in 1971 the American Library Association Council and Membership adopted a resolution recommending that "libraries and members to strenuously combat discrimination in services and employment of individuals from all minority groups, whether distinguishing characteristics of the minority be ethnic, sexual, religious, or any other kind",

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council re-affirms its support for equal employment opportunity for gay librarians and library workers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to combat the current campaign against full human rights for gay American citizens, Council recommends that libraries re-affirm their obligation under the Library Bill of Rights to disseminate information representing all points of view on this controversial topic.

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(See also 54.3.)